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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMSPEC GRANT TO ALBERT JOHNSON

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1. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT ALBERT JOHNSON IS A HIGHLY
QUALIFIED CINEMATOLOGIST WHO IS WELL RESPECTED IN EASTERN
EUROPE, CU REGRETS IT WILL BE UNABLE TO ISSUE AN AMSPEC
GRANT TO HIM. AS STATED REFTEL C, JOHNSON IS CURRENTLY
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ON AN AMSPEC GRANT IN AFRICA AND HAD AN AMSPEC GRANT TO THE

MIDDLE EAST IN 1972. THE AMSPEC PROGRAM SHOULD BE OPEN TO AS MANY AMERICANS AS POSSIBLE. WITH SO FEW AMSPEC GRANTS BEING OFFERED, IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO ISSUE REPEAT GRANTS TO THE SAME PERSON IN A FIELD WHERE THERE ARE OTHER QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS.

2. USIA/ICS/DA UNDERSTOOD FROM JOHNSON BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO AFRICA THAT HE MAY STAY IN EUROPE THROUGH SUMMER. ICS WILL EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF VOLSPKR GRANT IN EASTERN EUROPE. KISSINGER

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